

(D. T. SEETHARAMA RAO)

(b) the number of tanks, out of the above, that are of use to the villagers and the number that are of use to arecanut gardens?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) The matter is not yet finalised.

(b) Since the channels cover the atchkat of almost all the tanks that are under contemplation to be breached, there would be no necessity to retain these tanks, a large number of which are proposed to be breached as an anti-malaria measure. The incidental advantage in breaching these tanks is that the tank beds which were hitherto under water would get the benefit of irrigation, as they are proposed to be included in the atchkat of the Bhadra Reservoir Channels.

REPAIRS TO THE GOKATTE AT BETTAKADUR VILLAGE IN CHANNAGIRI TALUK.

Q.—39. Sri D. T. SEETHARAMA RAO (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is a fact that the people as well as the cattle are in distress for want of water, due to the Gokatte at Bettakadur Village, Channagiri Taluk, being in a state of disrepair ;

(b) since how many years, representations for the repairs of the Gokatte are being made to Government as well as to the Officers ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Revenue Minister has passed an order directing that the Gokatte should be repaired out of the distress fund ;

(d) the stage at which the repair work is pending ?

A.—Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) No. But difficulty is felt for the cattle during summer season as the Gokatte will not have water during that period.

(b) Cannot definitely be stated. But there has been an urge from some time past from the villagers for the repairs of the Gokatte.

(c) Yes Government have directed to take up this work as a measure of Scarcity Relief.

(d) The Assistant Engineer, Channagiri, has since prepared an estimate, for the work for Rs. 4,000 and it is now under scrutiny by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga.